

STRIKE DISTRICT CONTINUES QUIET DURING WEEK

Failure of Conference in El Paso
Last Week Has Left Both Sides in
An Attitude of Watchful Waiting—
Everything Peaceful in Strike Zone

The miner's committee who went to El Paso last week for the purpose of conferring with the mine managers and laying certain propositions before them, returned to Clifton on Sunday night and Monday made their report to the union which was to the effect that the managers had refused to consider any of the demands or propositions submitted to them. The strike troubles are no nearer solution than they were a month ago and it is apparent that both sides of the controversy have settled down to play a waiting game. It must be conceded that the striking men have met the managers half way and have apparently done their best toward effecting a reconciliation and breaking the deadlock now existing between the two factions.

So far as demonstrations of a violent nature are concerned the district has for the past two weeks been as quiet as a church yard.

Charges were last week preferred by the union against Juan Guerra and Ricardo Rodriguez, president and secretary respectively, as a result of which they resigned last Saturday. The men were detained in the county jail for protection but left the first of the week for other parts. On Thursday afternoon of this week men who were hunting in the hills near Clifton discovered Guerra wandering around aimlessly and in a demented condition. He was in a starved condition and his personal appearance was much the worse for wear. How long he had been wandering about the hills is not known but probably since the first of the week when he was supposed to have left town. He is now confined in the county jail. It is understood that he feared to join the colony at Duncan on account of an enemy living there and at whose hands he feared death.

On Tuesday afternoon mass meetings were held in the three towns for the purpose of voting on an arbitration proposition which was to the effect that the men would return to work at the old wage scale and leave their differences up to an arbitration committee for later settlement. It was proposed that this committee should be composed of two men from the workingmen, two selected from the managers and the fifth to be a representative of the United States Department of Labor. At the meeting in Clifton the proposition carried with but a few dissenting votes. In Morenci and Metcalf, however, it was turned down by a big majority. While the men were still assembled on the plaza in Clifton a committee arrived on the scene from Duncan for the purpose of denying the report that that place was being used as a concentration point for strike breakers. The men who came from Duncan were W. T. Witt, chairman of the Greenlee County Board of Supervisors, B. F. Billingsley, a prominent merchant, and B. R. Lanneau, cashier of the Bank of Duncan. Messrs. Witt and Billingsley in short speeches assured the men that there were no strike-breakers in Duncan and furthermore that the presence there of such a contingent would not be tolerated, now or at any future time. Sheriff Cash was also called upon by the crowd for a speech and in the course of his remarks stated that he had the day before in company with Major Donkersley, in charge of the troops in the strike district visited Duncan Monday for the purpose of investigating the above mentioned conditions and that they had been convinced that the reports were erroneous.

One hundred more troops of the Arizona National Guard arrived in Clifton Wednesday afternoon and today the detachment was sent to Morenci for duty. The troops were in command of Major E. P. Grinstead. Attorney General Wiley E. Jones arrived in Clifton last evening direct from Washington where he has been before the U. S. Supreme Court in connection with the eighty per cent law, and states that he will spend some time in the district and thoroughly investigate the present state of affairs, with a view to ultimately clarifying the atmosphere.

HOSPITAL KITCHEN AT HELIOPOLIS, EGYPT



Army cooks preparing food in the British hospital at Luna Park, Heliopolis, near Cairo. Luna Park is an amusement place that has been taken over for the use of wounded soldiers, most of whom are Australians.

Exaggerated reports and malicious falsehoods continue to be given publicity in the outside press in regard to actual conditions in the strike district and these we can most vehemently deny as having no foundation whatever. In regard to the food situation here and which outside publications have reported that the men are waiting for sustenance, it is stated upon good authority that all are being well cared for at this time and that the union is able to cope with the situation. However, in view of a long protracted siege and the fact that winter is upon them all available funds possible can be used to good advantage in the future. It is understood that no cases of destitution or want have been reported to the committee at this time. From what source the untrue reports emanate to the outside is not known but it has been shown that true versions and accounts have been magnified and distorted until the truth has been wholly eliminated. Conditions in the district are better than are found in most situations of a like nature and the honest thinking and fair minded citizens desire nothing more than that justice be accorded at all times.

Following is the governor's proclamation calling for relief of the thousands of men in the Clifton-Morenci-Metcalf district who are now idle:

A Proclamation by the Governor

Appealing to the people of Arizona for generous co-operation in relief of suffering families in the Clifton-Morenci Mining District:

This is the season of harvests, that especial time of the year when toil is taken of Nature's bounteous usufruct; when industries are measured in terms of their products; when labor takes accounting of that which it produces; and when prosperity is carefully gauged in its relation to human endeavor. It is well, if at this period of the year when the day of thanksgiving approaches, they who have plenty may freely celebrate their good fortune with the comforting assurance that the grim spectre of woe will not be abroad anywhere in the land. For the observance of feastdays when the hungry go unfed, the houseless go unsheltered and the sorrowing go uncomfirmed must savour sharply of sacrilege, and ever be tinged with sadness.

In the Clifton-Morenci Mining District of Greenlee county, State of Arizona, there exists deplorably a condition whereby nearly five thousand workingmen are deprived of employment, and where, consequently, hundreds of families with their slender savings exhausted are entering upon the rigorous winter season without any dependable supply of the necessities of life. Words cannot express or pictures portray the extreme suffering that even now is bearing its cruel visage to the worthy people of this stricken district.

Pursuant, therefore, to the plain dictates of humanity, I, Geo. W. P. Hunt, Governor of Arizona, do hereby proclaim the serious need of food, fuel and clothing in the Clifton-Morenci district, and do earnestly appeal to the generous people of this State for such contributions of money and supplies as will alleviate suffer-

MEXICO TO BE SUED BY ESPEE

Colonel Epes Randolph Said to be
Responsible for the Rumor

A report from San Francisco, which has been circulated here during the past week, asserts that the Southern Pacific of Mexico railroad company of Mexico will ask \$12,000,000 from the Mexican government, as soon as a government is established in that country, for damages done to its properties during the present trouble.

The report, arises from an alleged interview with Colonel Epes Randolph which he is said to have asserted that the property damage to his lines has totalled that amount, without taking into account the losses suffered by the road on account of the interruptions in the traffic, and the fact that they have been carrying passengers practically free during the trouble.

Just what means will be taken by the railroad company to press their claim against what Mexican authority may be established, is not stated in the reports which have been circulated, but it is said to be probable that a settlement of some sort will be made.

Recent vociferous utterances from Senator Jim Cardaman would imply that he's not obsessed with the delusion that his strength lies in his hair.

Russia is at least efficient enough to deliver ultimatums while falling back with speed and agility.

It must be awful to be a rooky in Fort Sheridan camp, summoned for a night attack and unable to find the other sock.

Moreover, if war is popularizing whiskers the safety razor man can prove an alibi when an effort is made to locate the same.

ing and afford means of simple sustenance for penniless families in this time of industrial trouble. All civic and benevolent organizations are especially urged to organize and conduct movements for the gathering and shipment of supplies to the Workmen's Relief Committee, care of the Sheriff of Greenlee County, Clifton, Arizona, to the end that, through ministrations unto those who are afflicted the spirit of mercy and brotherly love may be exemplified in our citizenship.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arizona to be affixed.

Done at Phoenix, the Capital, this 27th day of October, A. D. 1915.

SEAL

GEORGE W. P. HUNT,
Governor of Arizona.

Attest:

SIDNEY P. OSBORN,
Secretary of State.

MORE MILITIA CLIFTON STRIKE

Secretary Wilson of Labor Department Promises Investigation of
"Strikers' Claims and W. F. M.
Agents Prepare to Return.

PHOENIX, Oct. 26.—A hundred militiamen, in command of Major Grimstead, left Mesa and Tempe tonight for Clifton to reinforce the troops in the strike district. It is feared the miners may attempt to loot the stores. It is reported that contributors of food are insufficient to meet the needs of the miners and their families.

Secretary Wilson of the labor department advised the governor that the federal authorities would make a thorough investigation of conditions at Clifton.

Adjutant General Harris has already gone to Clifton. George Powell, organizer of the Western Federation of Miners, after a conference with Hunt, said he supposed the organizers would return to Clifton.

The federal inquiry will be conducted into wage and housing conditions, and all matters included in the charges of the strikers against the owners. Secretary Wilson promised to send as many officials of his department as were necessary to assist J. S. Myers, representative of the department, who spent three weeks investigating the situation.

Agents May Return.

Guy Miller, who organized the miners, left Clifton when the managers indicated they might confer with the strikers if federation officials left the camps. Guiterrez De Lara accompanied him. Powell did not know whether these and some others would return to Clifton.

"I do not look for an early settlement of the present strike," Powell added. "Preparations are being made to further provide for the strikers. Miami has sent \$1500 to Clifton in the past five days."

Moyer May Return.

POMONA, Calif., Oct. 26.—President Moyer of the Western Federation of Miners is undecided whether to send representatives to the Clifton-Morenci district. He is awaiting Phoenix advice. Moyer expects to return to Arizona himself in the next forty-eight hours. He indicated that the power of the federation with regard to the strike situation will be settled by that time.

Nor should it ever be necessary to install moving pictures in order to popularize jury service.

Dr. D. M. Wilbur, dean of the College of Engineering of the University of Arizona will give two lectures at the high school on Monday, November 1st, at 9 a. m. and 1 p. m. The subject of the afternoon lecture will be "Living as a Vocation." All persons interested are invited. Admission Free.

PETITIONS OUT TO RECALL HUNT

PHOENIX, Oct. 24.—Petitions demanding the recall of Gov. Hunt are circulating in Salt River Valley. The initiative having been taken by Mesa citizens headed by H. F. Johnson. Already the petition has been signed, liberally. It is understood that a concerted movement has been started to have the same petition circulated broadcast throughout the state. So far none of the petitions has been filed with the secretary of state.

The petition is as follows: To Sidney P. Osborn, Secretary of State, Phoenix, Arizona: We, the qualified electors of the electoral district from which Geo. W. P. Hunt, Governor of the State of Arizona was elected, demand his recall.

"The grounds of the demand for the recall of the said Geo. W. P. Hunt, Governor of Arizona, are as follows:

"That the said Geo. W. P. Hunt is utterly incompetent to perform the duties of his office and to conserve the peace and dignity of the commonwealth of Arizona.

"That his administration has been wantonly and recklessly extravagant and that the burdens on the taxpayers of the state have been increased by reason of his reckless disregard of economy and his creation of unnecessary offices and positions.

"That the said Geo. W. P. Hunt has wantonly and recklessly defied the state laws of the state and has set himself above the law and the courts, refusing to carry out their plainest mandates.

"That the said Geo. W. P. Hunt has deliberately attempted to foment and encourage class hatreds and divisions. That he has been partisan and prejudiced in his dealings with the most vital interests of the state, and that by a program of unceasing and deliberate catering to the most radical elements he has created a condition approaching anarchy in certain sections of the state."

Hunt Says Recall Local Affair

Phoenix, Ariz., Oct. 26.—Gov. George W. P. Hunt, upon his return yesterday from the dedication exercises of the Antelope Hill bridge, was asked for a statement bearing on his attitude toward the recall petition, and said:

"I was notified Sunday, while in Yuma, by the newspaper men that such a petition had been started. While I have not thoroughly investigated the matter at this time, yet I can say that I am glad to know that the recall proceedings do not represent a general movement upon the part of the voters of the state to discredit me and my administration, but is only the work of a few men who have purely personal reasons for desiring to put me in a bad light before such portions of the public as do not understand the situation. I would be false to my oath were I to allow such a thing to cause me to waver from the course which my conscience tells me is the best to pursue. I have never, during my administration been responsible for a single act which I did not think was for the good of the state, and if these men who are backing this recall matter think that they can frighten me into doing their bidding, they are a badly mistaken crowd."

"This petition for a recall has been gotten up for the express purpose of discrediting my efforts to have a federal investigation made of the Clifton situation. I understand that the petition charges me with creating state offices, and in other ways dissipating the state's funds. I want to say that during my term of office there has only been one office created, and that was done by the state legislature, the only body that can create a new office, and even then I did not sign that particular bill, so I fail to see where there can be any truth in their charges of me having created any offices.

"The charges are all glittering generalities, and contain no specific instances of any alleged misdemeanor. I have in my possession some important documents, which will cast some light on the men who seem to be at the head of this affair, and I am going to make these public—and I think they will make interesting reading. When I have had time to more fully investigate the charges embodied in the petition, I will have more to say on the subject."

MORENCI WOMAN MEETS SUDDEN DEATH

Mrs. J. D. Ramsey, of Morenci, Accidentally Shot While on Way to
Mountains in Company With Husband.

A pall of deepest gloom and sorrow surrounds a party of Morenci men and women who started this morning for a pleasant outing in the hills, and instead of enjoying the anticipated happy camping trip to the mountains, the party returned to Clifton this evening bearing with them one of their number cold in death. Her ending was sudden and tragic and the dead woman's companions are bowed in grief.

The party from Morenci which was composed of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ramsey and son, Mr. and Mrs. D. Brown and Miss Lella Utery left this morning for an extended hunting and pleasure trip to the mountains going by the way of Clifton up the Frisco river. They had proceeded to a point about three miles above the Harper ranch about 4:30 o'clock when they decided to make camp for the night. Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey were some two or three hundred yards ahead of the rest of the party and had dismounted by the side of the road. Mrs. Ramsey complained to her husband of feeling ill and wished to rest for a time before making camp. Mr. Ramsey untied a slicker from behind his saddle and supporting his wife with one arm took her to the side of the road and started to lay her on the slicker when in stooping over a .41 calibre six-shooter dropped out of its folds and striking the ground was discharged, the bullet striking Mrs. Ramsey in the stomach near her right thigh and lodging in her back.

About this time the remainder of the party rode up and Will Zumwalt, who was coming to Clifton in a wagon, reached the spot as the accident occurred. Mrs. Ramsey was unconscious from the first and her friends did not know for a few minutes that she had been shot, thinking that she had fainted from her illness. Blood was soon found trickling from the wound and everything possible was done to aid her in her fight for life, but she succumbed in a short time. Mr. Zumwalt brought the body to Clifton to the Pascoe Undertaking Parlor, reaching here about eight o'clock tonight. A coroner's jury was empaneled and their finding was to the effect that the woman's death was purely accidental. At the time of going to press the disposition of the body had not been decided upon but it is thought that the remains will for a time at least be interred in the Morenci cemetery.

Mrs. Ramsey was the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Utery, of Morenci, and was also the sister of Mrs. Brown and Miss Lella Utery, who were her companions on the trip which ended in the tragedy. She had lived in Morenci for the past three years, her husband having been employed in the D. C. smelter, and has many friends there who will be inexpressibly shocked over her sudden demise. The bereaved husband and near relatives have the sympathy of everyone in their sudden loss.

This is the second sudden death in this section within a week, both cases being practically parallel. It was one week ago this afternoon when Ed Van Antwerp met a similar fate near Duncan while returning from a hunting trip, his death being caused by the accidental discharge of a gun and the time and similarity of the two accidents are remarkable coincidences.

Latest theatrical scandal is that some of our leading moving actresses are threatening to demean themselves by going on the legitimate stage.

Multimillionaire Heinz declares that man is at his prime at 85; not if he has tried 57 varieties of pickling himself, however.

Most young mothers would rather have their infant wonders bright than President.

The attempt to assassinate Gen. Smute in South Africa makes another dark plot on the face of Africa.